NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** United States of America  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) |
| **3.** | **Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):** Meat |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[****X] All trading partners**  **[ ]** **Specific regions or countries:** |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Modernization of Swine Slaughter Inspection. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 44  <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=FSIS-2016-0017>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/USA/18_0753_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is proposing to amend the Federal meat inspection regulations to establish a new inspection system for swine slaughter establishments. Swine slaughter establishments that do not choose to operate under the new swine inspection system may continue to operate under their current inspection system. The Agency is also proposing several changes that would affect all establishments that slaughter swine, regardless of the inspection system under which they operate. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [****X] food safety, [ ]****animal health, [ ]****plant protection, [ ]****protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ]****protect territory from other damage from pests.** |
| **8.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**  **[ ]** **Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:**  **[ ]** **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[ ]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[****X] None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[ ]** **Yes [ ]** **No**  **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined.  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined. |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined.  **[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 2 April 2018  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [****X] National Notification Authority, [ ]****National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e‑mail address (if available) of other body:**  Roberta Wagner, Assistant Administrator, Office of Policy and Program Development; Tel: +(202) 205 0495, or by Fax: +(202) 720 2025 |
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